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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR MAY 23 PRESS BRIEFING

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MISSION WHICH VISITED KOREA?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT OF THE MISSION. I WOULD ONLY COMMENT THAT OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS A MATTER OF RECORD AND IN THE CASE OF KOREA WAS REFLECTED IN THE SPECIAL REPORT ON THE SUBJECT ISSUED LAST SEPTEMBER.

BACKGROUND: THE REPORT OF A TWO-MAN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TEAM WHICH VISITED KOREA BETWEEN MARCH 27 AND APRIL 9 WAS RELEASED ON MAY 22 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEARINGS OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA. THE REPORT DISCUSSES, INTER ALIA, TORTURE, INTIMIDATION OF LAWYERS, INADEQUATE TRIAL PROCEDURES AND POOR PRISON CONDITIONS.

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2. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON KOREA AT MAY 23 BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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